

REMARKS

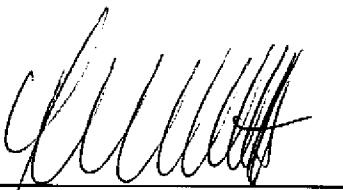
This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant has canceled original claims 15-26 in favor of new claims 27-38, which are intended to present claims in proper form and language and to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention, notwithstanding applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as previously filed. Accordingly, applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel.

In addition, applicant has labeled Figs. 1, 2 as "Prior Art". New sheets, labeled "Replacement Sheets" are submitted.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

Respectfully submitted,

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